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# Check It Out

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Zion Mennonite Church

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“Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.”

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## NEW BOOKS TO THE LIBRARY

### ***Song Books***

Menno Media Sing the Story

Faith and life Sing the Journey

Herald Press The Mennonite Hymnal

Brethren Press Hymnal A Worship Book

### ***Children's Books:***

What is Love?

What Can I Say to You God?

Where Are You God?

Sometimes I Have to Cry

Sometime I Get Lonely

Everybody, Shout Hallelujah!

Sometimes I Get Mad

Make Way for the King

Sometimes I'm Good, Sometimes I'm Bad

The author to these books is Elspeth Campbell

### ***More Children's Books:***

A Day's Work by Eve Bunting

Kindness is My Super Power by Alicia Ortego

You are Enough by Margaret O'Hair

### ***Believers Commentary Series:***

Deuteronomy by Gerald E. Gerbrandt

I & II Kings by Lynn Jost

### ***New Books from Herald Press:***

Anything But Simple by Lucinda J. Miller is from the Plainspoken series. A much loved author writes with honest and witty language what it is like to be plain, and still have access to modern technologies.

A Gentle Boldness by David W. Shenk who writes

about his life calling to be a missionary. This is a must read for those who believe in the difference that Jesus makes. This book goes well with the study of “Tongue Tied” as it tells of sharing his faith in a bold and gentle way.

Tongue Tied by Sara Wenger Shenk, the study book for worship and Sunday School. Shenk writes about being comfortable in sharing our faith. If we easily talk about movies, sports and politics, why should we not be comfortable talking about Jesus and our faith in Him.

How to Have an Enemy by Melissa Florer-Bixler This book is about enemies, Jesus and the church. The author draws on scripture to help us respond to our enemies as Jesus did. It also would be helpful to use in conjunction with the current Sunday School class on peace.

Peanut Butter and Dragon Wings by Shari Zook, a pastor's wife writes on several different subjects that she has had to deal with, including depression, miscarriage, foster children, parenting children who don't fit the mold and more.

Healing the Hurting Heart by June Hunt is a book that deals with current problems that people have written to her about. She answers them in letter form.

### ***Brain Teaser:***

What do these letters have in common?

LN KT FE LC KC VV B REL K and D

If you can't figure it out and really want to know visit your church library (look under glass). While you are there, check out a book.

**Meet our new Library Committee Member:**  
**Virginia Broderick** *who graciously began helping in the library even before her term began. We are very grateful for all her help. Here is a brief story of her life in her words.*

My early life was defined by my father's work with the forest service. We lived and he worked on the Mt Hood, the Gifford Pinchot (Mt Adams), the Winema (Klamath Indians) and the Siskiyou National (Southwest Oregon) National Forests. If you want old Fire stories I have plenty.

The anchoring factor in this wandering life was "The Farm" in the hills above Estacada where both of my parents, John and Thelma (Bowman) Grove grew up. My sister, Shirley and I spent holidays and summers on the farm. The neighbors we heard about were the Conservative Mennonites in the Porter area who used the old school house and then built a church in the corner of my grandfather's field. People from the church were my Mother's companions in her youth and were haying helpers, home builders and my Mother's tenants after my grandparents died. The people of Porter Mennonite were 'church' in my child's mind.

My Husband Bob was an engineer from Michigan. He was managing apartments and working with Portland's homeless youth, "hippies" we called them. I just happened to be living in one of his apartments when we met! He was something of an adventurer and besides working for the gas company he owned restaurants and apartments. His next adventure was to be a blueberry farmer but he died of cancer in 1997. We have two children. John Harold, my bachelor son lives with me in Molalla and my daughter, Roberta and her husband, Alfredo live nearby. They have three children. Clara the oldest who I just helped send off with some fear and a lot of excitement to the University of Oregon this fall for her first year of college. My other grandchildren are Elias (15) and Liliana (10).

I had planned on being a nurse when I went to Southern Oregon College in 1967. But life got in the way. Eventually I went back to school at Clackamas Community college and went to work at Benedictine Nursing Center in Mt Angel. I was there about 30 years. I love nursing, it is all about

about helping people find solutions. It was there that I met my friend Carolyn Gingerich and she invited me to Zion's Wednesday morning Bible study.

After we moved from Portland we were never involved with organized religion. I started reading Mennonite history with Carolyn. Then Pat Hershberger graciously welcomed me to the Bible study group. I slowly grew into the knowledge that Jesus could help me and took instruction from Bill and Jana and was baptized in the river that first Covid summer in 2020. I love the Sunday school classes, Bible study and puzzling out the sermons.

I love working in the library. Janice and I could write a whole funny book about "retired ladies" working with antique computers!

I am not much of a reader and tend to "peck" at books. Right now on the table are: "Braiding Sweet-grass", "Robert E Lee and Me", "These Truths", "White Fragility", and "The Land is Not Empty". These are American Indian and Historical books. I am also digging into three Bible reference books. Audio books are all light mysteries.

--Virginia Broderick